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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 16 October 2017 requesting the following information:

"Reference the statement:

"Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that ahead of the transfer of the site RAF Benson was verbally consulted regarding the ongoing Defence requirement for Chalgrove Airfield."

Can I please ask for the date of this verbal consultation, and if possible, who it was that spoke to RAF Benson, and who it was at RAF Benson that they spoke to."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held.

The Director of Army Basing and Infrastructure consulted with Joint Helicopter Command (JHC) in July 2016 and JHC spoke with RAF Benson; this was prior to the transfer.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat